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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

February 27, 2015 - Introduced by Senator HARSDORF, cosponsored by Representatives JARCHOW, KNUDSON and MURTHA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** congratulating Bruce Larson on being named the 2015 Don Shula NFL
2 National High School Coach of the Year.

3 Whereas, Bruce Larson of Somerset High School has been named the 2015
4 recipient of the Don Shula NFL National Coach of the Year Award for being the top
5 varsity football coach in the nation; and

6 Whereas, Coach Larson was selected for his exemplary character and integrity,
7 inspirational leadership, commitment to the community, and on-field success; and

8 Whereas, Bruce Larson was formally nominated for the national award by the
9 Green Bay Packers after being named the Wisconsin High School Football Coach of
10 the Year; and

11 Whereas, Bruce Larson has dedicated twenty-eight years as a coach of the
12 Somerset Spartan football program, and over sixteen years as head coach, during
13 which he led the Spartans to 163 victories in 200 games; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Coach Larson, the Somerset Spartans have won WIAA Division 4 football state championships in 2002, 2012, and 2014 and finished second at state in 2004, 2005, and 2011; and

Whereas, Coach Larson took the Somerset Spartans to the 2014 WIAA Division 4 football state championship, defeating Little Chute by a score of 28-16, marking his 200th game as head coach; and

Whereas, Bruce Larson has empowered students through the Somerset Spartan football program, inspiring over 87 percent of former Somerset football players to continue their education beyond high school; and

Whereas, Bruce Larson has fostered a coaching philosophy that first builds relationships with student athletes, coaches, parents, and the Somerset community, followed by the development and modeling of positive character, individuality, and team leadership; and

Whereas, Bruce Larson is a devoted husband to his wife, Kelly, and loving father to their three children, Rocky, Reggie, and McKell; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin state legislature hereby wish to congratulate and commend Bruce Larson on being named the 2015 Don Shula NFL National High School Coach of the Year and wish him continued success in the years ahead.

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